

Fiscal Year 2004

July 2003 – June 2004

CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol

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Overview



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June 30, 2004 marked the end of the first full fiscal year for the "SafeStat" program. During FY04, the Central Command experienced an increase in traffic accidents investigated by its personnel. There was a 10.4% increase or 126 more accidents were investigated when compared to FY03. This increase is the result of the winter weather conditions that occurred throughout the Command this year. These types of driving conditions have been absent in past years. The most notable increase occurred in DUI crashes, 40.9% and commercial vehicle crashes, 47.2%. These two areas have previously been identified through the "SafeStat" process and programs have been implemented in an effort to correct the identified problems. Notable decreases in these types of crashes were observed during June.

Total enforcement activity increased by 1.7% or 565 more violations were cited when compared to FY03. The most notable increases were in occupant restraint violations, 46.9% and total persons arrested, 13.2%. Commercial enforcement activity declined during FY04 in several areas when compared to FY03 with the exception of total safety inspections, 50.5% and dyed fuel inspections, 107.5%. Despite the declines, the Section is expected to exceed all but one of its State and Federal goals this year. The dyed fuel citations goal will not be met in spite of the number of inspections and secondary roadway directed enforcement programs in place throughout the year.

The total hours worked by Troopers in the Central Command decreased in FY04 by only .1% when compared to FY03. This decrease is in part due to the Command having a vacancy rate of 12.9% in Traffic Operations and 22.4% in Commercial Operations. Total overtime hours increased by 10.0%. The majority of this increase in overtime, 88%, is due to an increase in contract service overtime. Other overtime hours were expended in three major areas: vacancy coverage for Austin and Beatty duty stations, accident investigation, and training.

Overall the Command has remained consistent in its efforts and dedication to improve Highway Safety for the citizens that travel our roadways. I am pleased with their efforts and commend them for a job well done.

July 9, 2004

CENTRAL COMMAND

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	FY 04		FY 03	% Change
Total Crashes	1339		1213	10.4%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	874		806	8.4%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	418		368	13.6%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	47		39	20.5%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	62		44	40.9%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	59		48	22.9%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	18		16	12.5%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	13		9	44.4%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	12		12	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	12		8	50.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	4		3	33.3%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	234		159	47.2%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	161		114	41.2%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	66		41	61.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	7		4	75.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 3.5%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.6%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 56.4%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 17.5%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

Crashes increased by 10% during FY 04. The majority of this increase occurred during the third quarter when severe winter storms pelted the Command. Over half of the days during this quarter had road restrictions due to weather. This was a contrast to the same quarter the previous fiscal year when there was little winter weather. Crashes increased in all severity categories.

Fatal crashes increased by over 20%. Most of this increase occurred during the first quarter of this fiscal year, the summer months. Historically, this is a time of high traffic and increasing fatal crashes. Of the 59 persons killed in these fatal crashes, over 56% were not wearing set belts. This percentage is a slight increase over FY 03 where 51% of those killed were not wearing seat belts.

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FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

	FY 04		FY 03	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	62		38	63.2%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	242		251	-3.6%
Other Arrests	1284		1246	3.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	705		623	13.2%
Speed violations	19872		21200	-6.3%
Hazardous moving violations	2508		2709	-7.4%
Occupant restraint violations *	3514		2392	46.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	34799		34234	1.7%
Commercial Enforcement				
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	328		453	-27.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	135		197	-31.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	7400		4917	50.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	6		150	-96.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	1686		2242	-24.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	11921		14579	-18.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	506		696	-27.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	285		380	-25.0%
Total school buses inspected	340		360	-5.6%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	69		45	53.3%
Total trucks weighed	3345		3458	-3.3%
Total overweight citations	76		152	-50.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	7035		3390	107.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	6		15	-60.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

Overall activity increased by almost 2% over FY 03. There was a substantial increase in occupant restraint enforcement, almost 47%. Despite this effort to increase compliance with persons wearing seat belts, the percentage of persons killed without seat belts rose 5%. Hazardous moving violations declined by 201 while speed violations declined by 6%.

Arrests of impaired drivers dipped slightly, 9 fewer. During the first half of the fiscal year the Command experienced a 30% reduction in DUI arrests. Greater emphasis was placed on removing the impaired driver during the last 6 months of FY 04 resulting in a 63% increase over the first six months of FY 04. These efforts reduced the DUI related crashes during the latter half of this fiscal year. The average BAC for impaired drivers was .157.

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STAFFING AND WORK HOURS

STAFFING	Total Authorized positions		Current positions staffed		Vacancy Rate	
	FY 04	FY 03	Administrative Assignment (Average)	Field Operations (Average)	Positions Vacant (Average)	Vacancy Rate Percentage
Traffic [Tpr. & Sgt.]	68.63	67.17	8.50	51.29	8.84	12.9%
Commercial [Tpr. & Sgt.]	16.00	16.00	0.00	12.42	3.58	22.4%
Commercial CVSI	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.0%

BELOW WORK HOURS ARE FIELD OPERATIONS PERSONNEL ONLY

WORK HOURS LOST	FY 04	FY 03	% Change
Annual leave	7683.25	6774.50	13.4%
Compensatory leave	4030.10	4351.50	-7.4%
Sick Leave [personal and family]	6223.55	7235.85	-14.0%
Military leave	0.00	1712.00	-171200.0%
Holiday off	994.60	1520.00	-34.6%
Training	11033.72	10989.19	0.4%
Administrative leave	2476.00	1101.00	124.9%
Leave without pay	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total work hours lost	32441.22	33684.04	-3.7%

OVERTIME	FY 04	FY 03	% Change
Paid overtime claimed	17608.57	15632.09	12.6%
Compensatory overtime claimed	2109.66	2291.38	-7.9%
Total overtime hours	19718.23	17923.47	10.0%

TOTAL HOURS WORKED	FY 04	FY 03	% Change
Number of authorized positions x 173 hours*	136413.96	139611.00	-2.3%
Work hours lost	32441.22	33684.04	-3.7%
Overtime	19718.23	17923.91	10.0%
Total hours worked	123690.97	123850.87	-0.1%

* 173 hours based upon 2080 work hours per year divided by 12 months

Contract Service overtime for FY 04 was 3453.5 hours (3210 hours for Central Command personnel and 243.5 for other Command personnel where Central Command handled the contract). This was an increase of 53% from FY 03. There were 73 contracts in FY 04 versus 43 in FY 03 for a 70% increase. For the 73 contracts there was \$198,037 generated.

STAFFING AND WORK HOURS *Cont'd*

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

The staffing information has changed at the top of the previous staffing page slightly from previous months. The authorized positions do not include command staff or the Court/Warrant position. The 8.5 positions in administrative assignments include the Administrative Services Sergeant, Public Information Officer, Training Officer, cadets in training at the Academy and one Trooper on 4800 time for a work related injury. Numerical staffing numbers shown above reflect only those Sergeants and Troopers whose primary responsibilities include enforcement activity, crash investigation, and commercial enforcement functions. Command staff and sworn personnel assigned to administrative duties are not included as they have no direct impact on the enforcement or accident reduction efforts.

During the fiscal year, the Command experienced a vacancy rate of 16.6%. However, this rate does not include those positions filled but assigned to the Academy for training. From the operational point of view, they are vacant as they are not in their duty stations covering shifts. This averaged about 4 positions throughout the year.

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RATIOS – ACCIDENT AND ENFORCEMENT

ACCIDENT RATIOS

Ratio of crashes per Traffic position	
Total	26.1
Property	17.0
Injury	8.1
Fatal	0.9
DUI	1.2
Commercial vehicle	4.6
Ratio of deaths per fatal crash	1.3
without seatbelts	0.7
with seatbelts	0.5

FIELD ENFORCEMENT

Ratio of enforcement per Traffic position	
DUI arrests from crashes	1.2
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	4.7
Other Arrests	25.0
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	13.7
Speed violations	387.4
Hazardous moving violations	48.9
Occupant restraint violations	68.5
Total violations	678.5

RATIOS – ACCIDENT AND ENFORCEMENT *Cont'd*

INSPECTION / ENFORCEMENT RATIOS

Ratio of inspections and enforcement per Commercial position

Hazardous moving violations - citations	26.4
Other traffic violations - citations	10.9
Total safety inspections [all levels]	513.2
Terminal inspections TIP	0.4
Total safety violations -- citation *	135.7
Average safety violations per inspection -- citation	0.1
Total safety violations -- repair order	826.7
Average safety violations per inspection -- repair order	1.6
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	35.1
Average vehicles placed OOS per inspection	0.1
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	19.8
Average drivers placed OOS per inspection	0.0
Total school buses inspected	23.6
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	4.8
Total trucks weighed *	269.3
Total overweight citations *	6.1
Total dyed fuel inspections *	566.4
Total dyed fuel citations *	0.5

* Commercial sworn only

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

During the fiscal year, each traffic operations person investigated, on average, 26 crashes; 17 property damage, 8 injury and 1 fatal. Out of the 26 crashes one involved an impaired driver and 4.6 involved commercial vehicles.

Traffic operations personnel arrested 14 persons, 6 for impaired driving. There were an average of 25 other arrest charges. Troopers averaged 387 speed violations, 49 hazardous moving violations, 68.5 occupant restraint violations and 678.5 total violations for the 12 month period.

Commercial operations personnel (sworn and civilian inspectors) conducted 513 inspections of commercial vehicles on average for the year. These inspections resulted in 135 citations (sworn only) issued for safety violations while discovering an average of 827 safety violations during these inspections. During the inspections, personnel placed 35 vehicles and 19 drivers "out of service." Sworn personnel conducted 566 inspections for dyed fuel violations while weighing an average of 269 trucks for the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The required training for calendar year 2003 was completed. The required training for calendar year 2004 has continued. For calendar year 2004 RADAR recertification has been completed, first responder is 94% completed, Sexual harassment is 17% completed and EVOC is 100% completed. For the calendar year 2004, the Command is 54% complete with required training.

A total of 2696 warrants were entered into NCJIS with 2049 cleared during FY 04. There were 18,549 warrants validated. Warrants entered increased by 20% compared to the 2247 in FY 03; warrants cleared decreased by 4% from the 2136 in FY 03 and there were an decrease of 9% in warrants validated.

The evidence vaults processed 1808 new items while disposing of 1724 items in FY 04. New items increased by 3.4%, while items disposed increased by 17%. There were a total of 4685 items processed during the fiscal year, an 8% increase from the 4492 items process in FY 03.

During FY 04, Front Office personnel entered 29,679 citations, a 15.4% increase from the 25,712 entered in FY 03. Front Office personnel processed 643 arrest reports, 7 fewer than FY 03. They processed 1090 accident reports, down 6.7% from FY 03. In February, the Central Command began utilizing the new accident program, Crossroads. With the new program, there is now a new data base for accident information. Front Office personnel entered all accidents beginning with January 1, 2004 into this new system.

COMMUNICATION CENTER

Overtime accrued during the year was 2768.5 hours. The majority of overtime was to cover for leave taken and vacant positions. Comparison statistics for overtime during FY 03 were not kept.

The fiscal year began with two vacancies within the Center. During the year two persons were hired, but two others left the Center, one to retirement and one to the Front Office. At the close of FY 04 there remain two vacancies. The filling of vacant positions in the Center was placed on hold during the year due to discussions of removing operational dispatching from the Center and transferring it to Reno and Las Vegas. The Elko Center was then going to become the warrant repository for the Department. This plan did not go into effect and the operational dispatching will remain with the Elko Communications Center. The hiring process is continuing to fill existing vacancies.

During the fiscal year there were a total of 903,544 radio transmissions. This information was not tracked during FY 03; therefore, no comparison can be done.

Incidents generated increased by 26% to 138,791 in FY 04 from the 109,918 in FY 03.

There were 490 warrant confirmations as part of the CTA functions within the Elko Center. These figures are from February through June of 2004. Prior to February, warrant confirmation information was not gathered.

PERSONNEL

The following persons retired from the Division during FY 04:

Sergeant Doug Darlington	24 years
Trooper Larry Reynolds	27 years
Judy Lujan, AA II	10 years
Jean Moots PSD III	19 years
Trooper Rand Rowley	27 ½ years
Lieutenant George McIntosh	30 years

The following quarterly employee awards were issued:

April – June 2003

Supervisor of the Quarter	Sgt. Steve Boyer
Employee of the Quarter	Tpr. John Jessee
Dispatcher of the Quarter	PSD Tellina Marlar

July – September 2003

Supervisor of the Quarter	Sgt. Steve Boyer
Employee of the Quarter	Eddie Turner, Radio Technician
Dispatcher of the Quarter	PSD Lisa Elliott

October – December 2003

Dispatcher of the Quarter	PSD Tellina Marlar
Employee of the Quarter	Tpr. Keith Hoehne
Supervisor of the Quarter	Sgt. Harold Hughes

Annual awards for 2003

Dispatcher of the Year	PSD Tellina Marlar
Employee of the Year	John “Eddie” Truner
Supervisor of the Year	Sgt. Steve Boyer

January -- March 2004

Dispatcher of the Year	PSD Lisa Elliott
Employee of the Year	Tpr. John Dunckhorst
Supervisor of the Year	Sgt. Wes Masterson

“Years of Service” certificates presented

PSD V Elizabeth Bogue	30 years
Captain Tom Johnson	25 years
Capt. Mark Malloy	25 years
Bud Dalbec, Mechanic	20 years
Tpr. Susan Rivas	15 years
PSD IV Henri Culver	10 years
PSD IV Kathy Corbett	10 years
Mike Jameson, CVSI	5 years
Tpr. John Hampel	5 years
Tpr. John Peoples	5 years
Tpr Michael Timm	5 years
Tpr. George Edwards	5 years
Tpr. Johnnie Peoples	5 years

PERSONNEL*Continued***Promotions**

Trooper Bryan Jorgenson was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the Tonopah District.
 Trooper Charles Powell was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the Winnemucca District.
 Trooper Robert Oakden was promoted to Sergeant and remained in the Alamo / Pioche District.
 Tpr. Fred Wurster was promoted to Sergeant and remained in the Hawthorne District.
 Tpr. Randall Jackson was promoted to Sergeant and remained in Commercial Operations in Elko.
 Tpr. Eric Gallagher was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the Winnemucca District.

Certificates of Appreciation presented

Tpr. Mike Grigg	Acting Sergeant
Tpr. John Jessee	Numerous commendations
Tpr. Don Neff	Life Saving Award
Tpr. Tony Carlo	Acting Sergeant
Janet Grigg	Administrative Professional Day
LaRene Moschetti	Administrative Professional Day
Amber Vanoni	Administrative Professional Day
Dawn Keizer	Administrative Professional Day
Elizabeth Bogue	National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
Kathy Corbett	National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
Henri Culver	National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
Dana Thomas	National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
Telinna Marlar	National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
Elizabeth Elliott	National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
Elaine King	National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
Kathleen Smith	National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

The Central Command presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" and an "Excellence" award to Linda Gillespie of Headquarters in appreciation for her continued support and assistance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION**July 2003**

During this month, Public Information Officer Rocky Gonzalez instructed a driving class for civilian State employees in which 24 attended.
 A tree was planted at Great Basin Community College in memory of Vinten Hartung, ex-Trooper, whose father was a long time NHP employee. Vinten passed away after a long term illness.
 Trooper Gonzalez instructed a drug and alcohol class for Juvenile Probation in Elko.
 A Child Protective Seat Technician class was instructed in Winnemucca with 11 students attending. A child seat check point was held in conjunction with this training.
 A child seat checkpoint was also held in Elko.
 Trooper Gonzalez also instructed two EVOC training classes.

August

Two child safety seat checkpoints were held in Elko during August, one at Wal-Mart and the other at the Elko Family Resource Center.
 AMBER Alert conference was held at the Elko Convention Center for all participating agencies within Northeastern Nevada.
 Tpr. Gonzalez attended the National Information Officers Association conference in Tennessee.
 A meeting was held for discussion of the upcoming Special Olympics torch run.
 Tpr. Gonzalez instructed EVOC training.

PUBLIC INFORMATION*Continued***September**

Two local events in the Central Command were attended by the Public Information Officer, Tpr. Gonzalez. They were the Morrodders car show and the Winnemucca air show.

Tpr. Gonzalez instructed EVOC to both Command members and Academy trainees.

Safety training was provided for Elko Juvenile Probation and NDOT and a DUI program for Eureka High School.

A child safety seat checkpoint was held at the Wal-Mart in Elko with 19 seats inspected.

October

Child safety seat inspections were held at Wal-Mart and at the Elko Family Resource Center. A total of 25 seats were inspected.

Driver safety programs were provided to Newmont Gold employees.

An educational program on the new .08% BAC was completed in Ely. Volunteers tracked the amount of alcoholic beverages consumed. The participants in field sobriety tests and breath tests to determine their level of intoxication as it relates to .08. The participants were impressed with the education they received. They have a better understanding of when they are impaired.

Tpr. Gonzalez participated in "Trick or Treat Street" in Elko.

November

Several driver safety courses were taught throughout the Command. This included the Elko Soroptimists, Newmont Gold, Juvenile Probation and MSHA.

Child safety seat checkpoints were conducted in Wendover and Head Start in Elko on two days. Over 50 seats were inspected.

Division personnel attended career fairs in Ely and Elko.

Personnel participated with allied agencies in the Project Child Safe gunlock giveaway throughout the Command.

December

The mobile breath testing vehicle was utilized for a public relations and educational program for the new .08 BAC. The program was done at the Dos Amigos restaurant in Elko. Persons volunteered to track the number of drinks consumed and submitted to field sobriety and breath tests. A total of 30 persons participated.

A DUI presentation was made at Cactus Pete's hotel/casino in Jackpot for US Navy recruits. Approximately 60 persons attended.

December 8th thru 13th the Shop with a Cop program was accomplished. This included fundraisers and the actual event. 103 children were escorted with 103 police officers at the Elko K-Mart. Each child was given \$150 to spend.

PUBLIC INFORMATION*Continued***January 2004**

Tpr. Gonzalez provided driver safety programs to Getchell Gold in Winnemucca on five different dates. Approximately 40 persons attended each program.

Tpr. Gonzalez was involved in EVOC preparations for the upcoming NHP academy.

February

During February driver safety programs were presented to Newmont Gold on 6 different dates. Approximately 600 employees attended.

Tpr. Gonzalez attended Student Government Day in Elko. This program exposes students to a variety of government functions and tasks performed.

On February 27 & 28, a child safety seat training class was conducted. Sixteen persons attended the training. Part of the training class is a child safety seat checkpoint. The checkpoint was held at the Family Resource Center in Elko with 32 seats inspected.

Tpr. Gonzalez instructed EVOC for Academy 51 cadets.

March

On March 1st, Tpr. Gonzalez provided a driver safety program and a child seat information class to the Wells Volunteer Fire Dept. with 20 students in attendance.

On March 2nd, a DUI program was provided for 100 students at Carlin High School.

On March 8th, a safety program and accident scene preservation class was given to employees of Newmont Gold.

On March 24th, Tpr. Gonzalez attended a Department public information officer meeting in Las Vegas. He also attended an OTS and Safe Kids meeting at Sunrise Hospital for a court diversion program.

On March 5th, Tpr. Gonzalez participated in a news conference reference the Communications Center and the 800 MHz radio system. On March 17th, Tpr. Gonzalez participated in an AMBER Alert activation.

April

Tpr. Gonzalez participated in EVOC instruction for the current DPS / NHP Academy.

On April 7th, NHP was present at a career fair at the Great Basin College. During this recruitment, 48 applications were distributed.

Driver safety programs were provided for Elko County Juvenile Probation, one class with 12 students and Cortez Gold, 5 classes with 200 total students attending.

Tpr. Gonzalez participated in the Wendover Safety Fair, staffing a passenger safety booth.

Tpr. Gonzalez and Tpr. Timm participated in a DUI awareness program at Dale White Motors in Elko.

Tpr. Gonzalez and Tpr. Sneed participated with other law enforcement representatives from Elko in the annual "Tip a Cop" fundraiser for the Special Olympics. Over \$3500 was raised.

PUBLIC INFORMATION*Continued***May**

Driver Safety program for Elko High School - 120 students.
Trooper Stauffacher attended a Career Fair at Ely Junior High School.
DUI program at Spring Creek High School – approximately 700 students.
May 14th Child Safety Seat Checkpoint – 55 seats were inspected.

June

During June driver safety programs were presented to the US Forest Service in Ely (30 students), Spring Creek High School (24 students) and a DUI program at the Battle Mountain High School (200 students).
Tpr. Gonzalez participated in the Winnemucca Air Show on June 5 & 6.
Tpr. Gonzalez participated in a critical incident debriefing training class on June 14 & 15.
Tpr. Gonzalez taught a Child Protective Safety Technician class for 40 hours that included a CPS checkpoint.

PROJECTS / ACTION PLANS**ADAPT Vehicle**

The ADAPT Vehicle was utilized for 343 hours in FY 04 to provide additional coverage and enforcement. The vehicle was utilized throughout the Command. During its use, 272 citations were issued. The vehicle had mechanical problems the latter half of the fiscal year.

RADAR Trailer

The RADAR Trailer was deployed for 1126.15 hours in FY 04 as compared to 604.5 hours in FY 03. It was deployed 94 times as compared to 64 in FY 03. The trailer was deployed throughout the Command.

SHRED Program

The SHRED (Stationary Handheld Radar Enforcement Detail) program has been utilized. This enforcement program is primarily designed for construction zones. The program was worked for 5 ¼ hours in 4 different areas. A total of 31 violations with 19 warnings were given. The program was not utilized during the winter months.

Command SOP Manual

The revision of the Central Command SOP manual was completed and a copy forwarded to all supervisors. The manual was also placed on the “K drive” for access.

Budget FY06/07

Command personnel participated in the preparation of the Division’s budget for the next biennium, FY 06 / 07.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW *continued*

The number of crashes involving commercial vehicles almost doubled during FY 04. Even with the 50% increase in the number of commercial vehicles inspected by commercial operations personnel, there was still the increase. About half of the crashes involving commercial vehicles are on secondary highways where there are no commercial Troopers. This leads to little or no enforcement, except when commercial Troopers travel to these areas for two to three days at a time. This has an immediate impact, but little lasting effects. This increase led to the development of Level 3 commercial vehicle inspection training to all traffic operations personnel. This training is currently in the process of being completed. With this training, Troopers will stop more commercial vehicles and contact more commercial vehicle drivers in hopes of reducing their involvement in crashes. Commercial enforcement personnel have also been targeting high accident areas involving commercial vehicles. It is also believed that during FY 04 there was better tracking of crashes involving commercial vehicles therefore leading to increased numbers.

Crashes involving impaired drivers also increased dramatically. There were 18 additional alcohol related crashes in FY 04 as compared to FY 03. With the recognition of this increase additional efforts were placed on detecting the impaired driver. This resulted in an overall increase of arrests prior to crashes of 63% during the last 6 months of FY 04 as compared to the first 6 months of FY 04. Despite these efforts, crashes involving impaired drivers also increased. The average BAC for drivers involved in crashes was .149.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY *continued*

Commercial operations personnel increased the number of commercial vehicles inspected by over 50% when compared to FY 03. There were 7400 commercial vehicles inspected versus the 4917 the prior fiscal year. Level 5 inspections declined drastically due to the terminal inspection program being discontinued. Level 5 inspections are now only conducted in conjunction with Compliance Reviews. Despite the increase in the number of vehicles inspected, the number of citations issued for safety violations declined as did the total number of violations discovered. This also resulted in a decline in the number of vehicles and drivers that were placed "out of service." This is due to greater emphasis being placed on conducting more level 2 & 3 inspections versus level 1 inspections. The intent is to contact as many commercial vehicle drivers as possible. In reviewing the cause of crashes where the commercial vehicle is at fault, most often it is driver error rather than an equipment malfunction of the vehicle.

During the fiscal year there were 340 school buses inspected. During the inspections 20% were found to have "out of service" violations. This is an increase from the 12.5% "out of service" buses the prior fiscal year.

Trucks weighed remained relatively constant with only a 3.3% reduction. Throughout the entire fiscal year there have been problems with semi-portable scales being broken and inoperable. It took several months to make the necessary repairs only to have the scales breakdown almost immediately upon their return.

Dyed fuel inspections more than doubled with a 107.5% increase. There were 7035 inspections conducted. This resulted in the discovery of 6 dyed fuel violations. In August the Central Command began a directed enforcement program for the inspection of commercial vehicles for dyed fuel violations on secondary highways. It had been reported that there was a huge problem in rural Nevada of trucks utilizing dyed fuel thereby not paying the appropriate taxes. During the 11 months that the directed enforcement was worked during this fiscal year there were 1374 inspections conducted on secondary roadways during 1804 hours of directed enforcement. During this time there were 4 dyed fuel violations discovered. Two were to trucks from Idaho during the potato harvest near Winnemucca and two were discovered in Crescent Valley from a new company hauling ore for a local mine.

STAFFING AND WORK HOURS *continued*

Total work hours lost declined by 3.7%. Leave taken (annual, comp and sick) declined as compared to FY 03. There was no one in the Command on military leave where the year prior one Trooper was gone for the entire year. Administrative leave more than doubled. This was due to one person being on administrative leave during an internal affairs investigation and one due to a work related injury. Training hours remained relatively consistent with only an increase of 44.5 hours.

Overtime increased by 10% when compared to FY 03. Of the 1795 hours of additional overtime, 1584 or 88%, was due to the increase in contract service overtime during the year. The remaining 211 hours was from coverage of two vacant duty stations, Austin and Beatty, training and accident investigation.

There was virtually no change in the total hours worked for Command personnel. There was a .1% reduction or 160 hours.



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